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1. During the summer of 1950, construction work began on a new plant in the vicinity of Eger (J55); the attached sketches show the location and details. This plant is officially designated as a "porcelain factory to produce domestic goods", but the workers believe that it is to be a war plant, supposedly for manufacturing explosives. This factory, which is to be completed by the end of 1952, is built partly underground.
2. At the end of September 1951, the underground corridors and rooms had been excavated, but no concrete work had started.
3. The new railway station (see No. 1 on sketch B) has three tracks and the new branch line (No. 2 on sketch B) leading to the building area is of standard gauge; it goes right into the hill (known locally as "Bajusz-hegy") in which the underground part of the factory is being built.
4. An industrial gauge line has also been built (No. 4 on Sketch B); it has a steam locomotive, but many cars are pushed by hand.
5. No. 3 on sketch B indicates the outdoor dump where building materials are kept.
6. Labor: The exact number of construction workers is estimated at about 3,000; they are housed in two camps (No. 5 on sketch). The majority of these are internees, the remainder are skilled builders who came from the recently completed works at Jobbágyi (J05). The building work is carried out under the direction of Hungarian civil engineers. Up to November 1951, no Russians or any military personnel had inspected the area.
7. Security: The entire site is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence two meters high (No. 7 on sketch B), patrolled by AVH prison guards and by some regular police. No worker is allowed to leave the area without a special pass.
8. New airfield: The area marked 2 on sketch A was being leveled during the summer of 1951. According to local rumors, this site will be a new airfield.

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ATTACHEMENT

Felsőtárkány

1. Location of the new construction, carried out under the cover "Porcelain factory".
2. Ground-leveling work in progress (landing field?)

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to Füzesabony

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